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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of Whitworth, Brian L.
Serial No.: 09/770,150
Filed 01/27/2001
For: Virtual Picture Hanging Via the Internet

Art Unit: 3625
Examiner: Thein, Marissa

Dear Ms Thein:

This communication is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004.

Election/Restrictions

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, it was asserted that the above-referenced application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-32, drawn to a method of displaying an image of an item for sale or auction, classified in class 705, subclass 27.
- II. Claims 33-41, drawn to a method of simulating the appearance of one or more items for sale or auction, classified in class 705, subclass 27.
- III. Claims 42-44, drawn to a method of selecting candidate items for possible purchase, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

I, the applicant, **elect Group I** (claims 1-32) for prosecution on the merits.

In addition, please note that my contact information has changed. I previously filed a form SB/122 on March 1, 2004 and have included a copy with this response.

Respectfully Submitted,

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